

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman John Brueggeman, on March 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary  
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 116, 3/2/2009; HB 120, 3/2/2009;  
HB 125, 3/2/2009

Executive Action: HB 120, HB 125

**HEARING ON HB 125**

00:00:48 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D),  
HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 125, Amend law to  
delete reference to single state registration system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:09 Tim Reardon, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
00:03:11 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:03:39 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:42 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:45 Sen. Keane  
00:04:00 Mr. Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:04:12 **Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Mehlhoff

**HEARING ON HB 116**

00:04:40 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Walter McNutt (R),  
HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 116, Clarify proof of  
insurance for motor vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:42 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
**EXHIBIT(his49a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:07 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:12 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:28 Vice-Chairman Tutvedt  
00:08:05 Sen. Laslovich  
00:08:29 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ  
00:09:44 Vice-Chairman Tutvedt  
00:10:24 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ  
00:10:53 Sen. Hinkle  
00:11:40 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ  
00:12:30 Sen. Hinkle  
00:12:34 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ

00:12:51 **Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. McNutt

00:13:25 Vice-Chairman Tutvedt left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 120**

00:13:39 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Bill McChesney (D),  
HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 120, Allow use of  
electronic bid bonds for highway projects.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:54 Tim Reardon, DOT  
00:18:00 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:18:45 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:48 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:14 Sen. Keane  
00:19:39 Rep. McChesney  
00:19:53 Mr. Reardon, DOT

00:20:36 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. McChesney

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120**

00:21:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laslovich moved that **HB 120 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

00:21:47 Tammy McGill

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 125**

00:22:25 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved that **HB 126 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:22:37 Tammy McGill

00:22:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

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Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([his49aad.pdf](#))**